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- Where the flight of fancy is managed with good judgment, the *self* is seen it is the more valuable. *Grew.*
- SELDOMNESS. *n. f.* [from *sel*dom.] Uncommonness; infrequency; rareness; rarity. Little used.
- Degrees of well-doing there could be none, except perhaps in the *sel*domness and oftentimes of doing well. *Hooker.*
- SELDOWN. *adj.* [*sel*d and *sh*own.] Seldom exhibited to view.
- Sel*shon flamins
- Do pres among the popular throngs. *Shakesp. Coriolanus.*
- To SELECT. *v. a.* [*sel*ectus, Latin.] To chuse in preference to others rejected.
- The footmen, *sel*ected out of all the provinces, were greatly diminished, being now scarce eight thousand strong. *Knolles.*
- The pious chief
- A hundred youths from all his train *sel*ects. *Dryden.*
- SELECT. *adj.* [from the verb.] Nicely chosen; choice; culled out on account of superiour excellence.
- To the nuptial bow'r
- I led her, blushing like the morn: all heav'n,
And happy confessions, on that hour
Shed their *sel*ect influence. *Milton's Parad. Lost.*
- Sel*ect from vulgar herds, with garlands gay,
- A hundred bulls ascend the sacred way. *Prior.*
- SELECTION. *n. f.* [*sel*ectio, Lat. from *sel*ect.] The act of culling or chusing; choice.
- While we single out several dishes, and reject others, the *sel*ection seems but arbitrary. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- SELECTION. *n. f.* [from *sel*ect.] The state of being *sel*ect.
- SELECTION. *n. f.* [from *sel*ect.] He who *sel*ects.
- SELENOGRAPHICAL. *adj.* [*selenographique*, Fr. from *selenogra-* SELENOGRAPHICK. *adj.* [*selenographia*, Fr. *σεληνια* and *γραφω*.] A description of the moon.
- Hevelius, in his accurate *selenography*, or description of the moon, hath well translated the known appellations of regions, seas, and mountains, unto the parts of that luminary. *Brown.*
- SELF. *pronoun. plur. selves.* [*silba*, Gothick; *ýlf*, *ýlfa*, Sax. *self*, *selve*, Dutch.]
1. Its primary signification seems to be that of an adjective: very; particular; this above others; sometimes, one's own.
- Shoot another arrow that *self* way
- Which you did shoot the first. *Shakesp. Merch. of Ven.*
- The cruel ministers, by *self* and violent hands,
- Took off her life. *Shakesp. Lear.*
- On these *self* hills the air is so thin, that it is not sufficient to bear up the body of a bird. *Raleigh.*
- At that *self* moment enters Palamon
- The gate of Venus. *Dryden.*
2. It is united both to the personal pronouns, and to the neutral pronoun *it*, and is always added when they are used reciprocally, or return upon themselves: as, *I did not hurt him, he hurt himself; the people hiss me, but I clap myself; thou lovest thyself, though the world scorn thee.*
- Self* is that conscious thinking thing, which is sensible or conscious of pleasure and pain, capable of happiness and misery, and so is concerned for *itself*, as far as that consciousness extends. *Locke.*
3. It is sometimes used emphatically in the nominative case: as, *myself* will decide it; *I myself* will come; *himself* shall revenge it. This use of *self*, thus compounded, without the pronoun personal, is chiefly poetical.
4. Compounded with *him*, a pronoun substantive, *self* is in appearance an adjective: joined to *my*, *thy*, *our*, *your*, pronoun adjectives, it seems a substantive. Even when compounded with *him* it is at last found to be a substantive, by its variation in the plural, contrary to the nature of English adjectives, as *himself*, *themselves*.
5. *Myself*, *himself*, *themselves*, and the rest, may, contrary to the analogy of *my*, *him*, *them*, be used as nominatives.
6. It often adds only emphasis and force to the pronoun with which it is compounded.
- Next to the knowledge of God, this knowledge of our *selves* seems most worthy of our endeavour. *Hale.*
- The fondness we have for *self*, and the relation which other things have to our *selves*, furnishes another long rank of prejudices. *Watts.*
7. It signifies the individual, as subject to his own contemplation or action.
- The spark of noble courage now awake,
And strive your excellent *self* to excel. *Fairy Queen.*
- Since consciousness always accompanies thinking, and it is that that makes every one to be what he calls *self*; and thereby distinguishes himself from all other thinking things; in this alone consists personal identity, i. e. the sameness of a rational being. *Locke.*
- It is by the consciousness it has of its present thoughts and actions, that it is *self* to *itself* now, and so will be the same *self*, as far as the same consciousness can extend to actions past or to come. *Locke.*
8. It is much used in composition, which it is proper to explain

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- by a train of examples. It is to be observed, that its composition in *Shakespeare* is often harsh.
- Then held she her tongue, and cast down a *self* accusing look, finding that in her *self* she had shot out of the bow of her affection a more quick opening of her mind, than she minded to have done. *Sidney.*
- Alas! while we are wrapt in foggy mist
Of our *self*-love, so passions do deceive,
We think they hurt when most they do assist. *Sidney.*
- 'Till Strephon's plaining voice him nearer drew,
Where by his words his *self*-like case he knew. *Sidney.*
- Ah! where was first that cruel cunning found,
To frame of earth a vessel of the mind,
Where it should be to *self*-destruction bound? *Sidney.*
- Before the door sat *self*-consuming care,
Day and night keeping wary watch and ward. *Fa. Queen.*
- My strange and *self*-abuse,
Is the initiate fear that wants hard use. *Shakesp. Macbeth.*
- I have heard so much,
And with Demetrius thought 't have spoke thereof;
But being over-full of *self*-affairs,
My mind did lose it. *Shakesp. Midsum. Night's Dream.*
- Nor know I aught
By me that's said or done amidst this night,
Unless *self*-charity be sometimes a vice,
And to defend ourselves it be a sin,
When violence assails us. *Shakespeare's Othello.*
- He walks, and that *self*-chain about his neck,
Which he forswore. *Shakespeare.*
- It is in my power, in one *self*-born hour,
To plant and o'erwhelm custom. *Shakesp. Winter's Tale.*
- His treasons will fit blushing in his face,
Not able to endure the sight of day,
But *self*-affrighted tremble at his sin. *Shak. Rich. II.*
- The stars above us govern our conditions;
Else one *self*-mate and mate could not beget
Such different issues. *Shakespeare.*
- I'm made of that *self*-metal as my sister,
And prize me at her worth. *Shak. King Lear.*
- In my school-days, when I had lost one shaft,
I shot his fellow of the *self*-same flight
The *self*-same way, with more advised watch,
To find the other forth. *Shakespeare.*
- He may do some good on her:
A peevish *self*-will'd harlotry it is. *Shak. Romeo and Juliet.*
- But lest myself be guilty of *self*-wrong,
I'll stop mine ears against the mermaid's song. *Shakespeare.*
- He conjunct and flatter'd his displeasure,
Tript me behind: being down, insulted, rail'd,
Got praises of the king,
For him attempting who was *self*-subdu'd. *Shakespeare.*
- The Everlasting fixt
His canon 'gainst *self*-slaughter. *Shak. Hamlet.*
- Know if his last purpose hold,
Or whether since he is advis'd by aught
To change the course? He's full of alteration,
And *self*-repaving. *Shakesp. King Lear.*
- More or less to others paying,
Than by *self*-offences weighing;
Shame to him whose cruel striking,
Kills for faults of his own liking! *Shakespeare.*
- Bellona's bridegroom, lapt in proof,
Confronted him with *self*-caparisons,
Point against point rebellious, arm 'gainst arm,
Curbing his lavish spirit. *Shak. Macbeth.*
- Self*-love, my liege, is not so vile a sin
As *self*-neglecting. *Shakesp. Henry V.*
- Anger is like
A full hot horse, who, being allow'd his way,
Self-mettle tires him. *Shakespeare.*
- His lords desire him to have borne
His bruised helmet and his bended sword
Before him through the city; he forbids it,
Being free from vainness and *self*-glorious pride. *Shakesp.*
- You promis'd
To lay aside *self*-harming heaviness,
And entertain a cheerful disposition. *Shakesp. Rich. III.*
- In their anger they flew a man, and in their *self*-will they
Digged down a wall. *Gen. xlix. 6.*
- The most ordinary cause of a single life is liberty, especially
in certain *self*-pleasing and humorous minds, which are so sensible
of every restraint as to think their girdles and garters to be
bonds and shackles. *Bacon.*
- Hast thou set up nothing in competition with God; no
pride, pleasure, profit, *self*-love, or *self*-interest of thy own? *Dugdale.*
- Up through the spacious palace passed she,
To where the king's proudly repel'd head,
If any can be soft to tyranny,
And *self*-to-mementing sin, had a soft bed. *Cresspaw.*

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- With a joyful willingness these *self*-loving reformers took
possession of all vacant preferments, and with reluctance others
parted with their beloved colleges and subsistence. *Warton.*
- Repent the sin; but if the punishment
Thou can't avoid, *self*-preservation bids. *Milton.*
- Him fast sleeping soon he found,
In labyrinth of many a round *self*-roll'd. *Milton.*
- Oft times nothing profits more
Than *self*-esteem, grounded on just and right,
Well manag'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
- Self*-knowing, and from thence
Magnanimous, to correspond with heav'n. *Milton.*
- So virtue giv'n for lost,
Depress'd and overthrown, as seem'd,
Like that *self*-begotten bird,
In th' Arabian woods embosht,
That no second knows nor third,
And lay ere while a holocaust,
From out her abyss womb new teem'd. *Milton's Agonist.*
- He sorrows now, repents, and prays contrite,
My motions in him: longer than they move,
His heart I know how variable and vain,
Self-left. *Milton.*
- Seneca approves this *self*-homicide. *Blackwell.*
- Thyself from flatter'd *self*-conceit defend,
Nor what thou do'st not know, to know pretend. *Denham.*
- Man's that savage beast, whose mind,
From reason to *self*-love declin'd,
Delights to prey upon his kind. *Denham.*
- Farewell, my tears;
And my just anger be no more confin'd
To vain complaints, or *self*-devouring silence. *Denham.*
- They are yet more mad to think that men may go to rest
by death, though they die in *self*-murder, the greatest sin.
- Are not these strange *self*-delusions, and yet attested by
common experience? *South's Sermons.*
- If the image of God is only sovereignty, certainly we have
been hitherto much mistaken, and hereafter are to beware of
making ourselves unlike God, by too much *self*-denial and
humility. *South's Sermons.*
- If a man would have a devout, humble, sin-aborning, *self*-
denying frame of spirit, he cannot take a more efficacious
course to attain it than by praying himself into it. *South.*
- Let a man apply himself to the difficult work of *self*-exa-
mination by a strict scrutiny into the whole estate of his
soul. *South's Sermons.*
- A fatal *self*-impotence, such as defeats the design, and de-
troys the force of all religion. *South's Sermons.*
- When he intends to bereave the world of an illustrious
person, he may cast him upon a bold *self*-opinioned physician,
worse than his distemper, who shall make a shift to cure him
into his grave. *South's Sermons.*
- Neglect of friends can never be proved rational, till we
prove the person using it omnipotent and *self*-sufficient, and
such as can never need any mortal assistance. *South.*
- By all human laws, as well as divine, *self*-murder has ever
been agreed on as the greatest crime. *Temple.*
- A *self*-conceited pop will swallow any thing. *L'Estrange.*
- From Atreus though your ancient lineage came;
Yet my *self*-conscious worth, your high renown,
Your virtue, through the neighbouring nations blown. *Dryd.*
- He has given you all the commendation which his *self*-
sufficiency could afford to any. *Dryden.*
- Below yon sphere
There hangs the ball of earth and water mixt,
Self-center'd and unmov'd. *Dryden's State of Innocence.*
- All these receive their birth from other things,
But from himself the phoenix only springs;
Self-born, begotten by the parent flame
In which he burn'd, another and the same. *Dryden.*
- The burning fire that thence so bright,
Flew off all sudden with extinguish'd light,
And left one altar dark, a little space;
Which turn'd *self*-kindled, and renew'd the blaze. *Dryden.*
- Thou first, O king! relate the rights of sway;
Powers *self*-restrain'd, the people best obey. *Dryden.*
- Eighteen and nineteen are equal to thirty-seven, by the same
self-evidence, that one and two are equal to three. *Locke.*
- A contradiction of what has been said, is a mark of yet
greater pride and *self*-conceit, when we take upon us to
set another right in his story. *Locke.*
- I am as justly accountable for any action done many years
since, appropriated to me now by this *self*-consciousness, as I
am for what I did the last moment. *Locke.*
- Each intermediate idea agreeing on each side with those two,
it is immediately placed between: the ideas of men and *self*-
determination appear to be connected. *Locke.*
- This *self*-existent being hath the power of perfection, as
well as of existence in himself; for he that is above, or exist-

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- eth without, any cause, that is, hath the power of existence
in himself, cannot be without the power of any possible exist-
ence. *Grew's Cosm. Sac.*
- Body cannot be *self*-existent, because it is not *self*-moving;
for motion is not of the essence of body, because we may
have a definitive conception of body, abstracted from that of
motion: wherefore motion is something else besides body, and
something without which a body may be conceived to exist. *Grew's Cosm. Sac.*
- Confidence, as opposed to modesty, and distinguished from
decent assurance, proceeds from *self*-opinion, occasioned by
ignorance or flattery. *Collier of Confidence.*
- Bewilder'd I, my author cannot find,
'Till some first cause, some *self*-existent mind,
Who form'd, and rules all nature, is assign'd. *Blackm.*
- If a first body may to any place
Be not determin'd in the boundless space,
'Tis plain it then may absent be from all,
Who then will this a *self*-existence call? *Blackmore.*
- Shall nature, erring from her first command,
Self-preservation fall by her own hand? *Granville.*
- Low nonsense is the talent of a cold phlegmatick temper:
a writer of this complexion gropes his way softly amongst
self-contradiction, and grovels in absurdities. *Addison.*
- This fatal hypocrisy and *self*-deceit is taken notice of in
these words, Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou
me from secret faults. *Addison's Spectator.*
- The guilt of perjury is so *self*-evident, that it was always
reckoned amongst the greatest crimes, by those who were
only governed by the light of reason. *Addison.*
- Self*-sufficiency proceeds from inexperience. *Addison.*
- Men had better own their ignorance than advance doctrines
which are *self*-contradictory. *Spectator.*
- Light, which of all bodies is nearest allied to spirit, is also
most diffusive and *self*-communicative. *Norris.*
- Thus we see in bodies, the more of kin they are to spirit in
subtlety and refinement, the more spreading are they and *self*-
diffusive. *Norris.*
- God, who is an absolute spiritual act, and who is such a
pure light as in which there is no darkness, must needs be in-
initely *self*-impacting and communicative. *Norris.*
- Every animal is conscious of some individual, *self*-moving,
self-determining principle. *Pope and Arbuthn. Mart. Scrib.*
- Nick does not pretend to be a gentleman: he is a trades-
man, a *self*-seeking wretch. *Arbuthn. John Bull.*
- By the blast of *self*-opinion mov'd,
We wish to charm, and seek to be belov'd. *Prior.*
- Living and understanding substances do most clearly
demonstrate to philosophical inquirers the necessary *self*-
existence, power, wisdom, and beneficence of their maker. *Bentley's Sermons.*
- If it can intrinsically stir itself, and either commence or
alter its course, it must have a principle of *self*-activity, which
is life and sense. *Bentley's Sermons.*
- This desire of existence is a natural affection of the soul;
'tis self-preservation in the highest and truest meaning. *Bentley.*
- The philosophers, and even the Epicureans, maintained the
self-sufficiency of the Godhead, and seldom or never sacrificed
at all. *Bentley's Sermons.*
- Matter is not endued with *self*-motion, nor with a power to
alter the course in which it is put: it is merely passive, and
must ever continue in that state it is settled in. *Chyene.*
- I took not arms, 'till urg'd by *self*-defence,
The eldest law of nature. *Rousseau's Emile.*
- His labour and study would have shewn his early mistakes,
and cured him of *self*-flattering delusions. *Watts.*
- This is not to be done in a rash and *self*-sufficient manner;
but with an humble dependance on divine grace, while we
walk among sinners. *Watts.*
- The religion of Jesus, with all its *self*-denials, virtues, and
devotions, is very practicable. *Watts.*
- I heard in Crete, this island's name;
For 'twas in Crete, my native soil, I came
Self-banish'd thence. *Pope's Odyssey.*
- Achilles's courage is furious and untractable; that of Ajax
is heavy and *self*-confiding. *Pope.*
- I doom, to fix the gallant ship,
A mark of vengeance on the sable deep;
To warn the thoughtless *self*-confiding train,
No more unlicens'd thus to brave the main. *Pope.*
- What is loose love? a transient gust,
A vapour fed from wild desire,
A wand'ring *self*-consuming fire. *Pope.*
- In dubious thought the king awaits,
And *self*-considering, as he stands, debates, what he shall do. *Pope.*
- By mighty Jove's command,
Unwilling have I trod this pleasing land;
For who *self*-mov'd with weary wing would sweep
Such length of ocean? *Pope.*
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